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MARY WASHINGTON

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*Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall  
University of Mary Washington  
Fredericksburg, Virginia*

*Friday, the Eighth of May  
Two Thousand and Fifteen*



## BOARD OF VISITORS



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## COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS



<i>Grand Marshal</i> .....	Porter R. Blakemore
<i>Faculty Marshals for the Degree Candidates</i> .....	Beverly Epps, George R. Greene

On the platform this evening are the President of the University of Mary Washington, members of the Board of Visitors, the President's Cabinet, commencement speaker Steven R. Staples, the grand marshal of the faculty, the president of the Alumni Association, the deans of the colleges, the registrar, the associate registrar, and readers.



## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT HURLEY



Dear UMW Graduates:

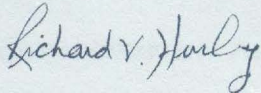
It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you for the remarkable achievement that we celebrate today. You have met the challenge of rigorous and stimulating coursework, experienced one-on-one interaction with faculty members, and engaged in innovative project development. Among the outstanding graduates today are many exemplary educators and business leaders.

The trait shared by all gathered here is something unique to this institution: You are the beneficiaries of the Mary Washington experience. You will find that this provides an edge in your career pursuits and prepares you for lives of significance.

I am pleased to be at the helm of this premier university, which has distinguished itself through academic excellence and the achievements of its alumni. As the University of Mary Washington's reputation continues to soar, an advanced degree from this University will only increase in value.

On behalf of UMW, I am proud to congratulate you for reaching this milestone, and I wish you every success in your future endeavors.

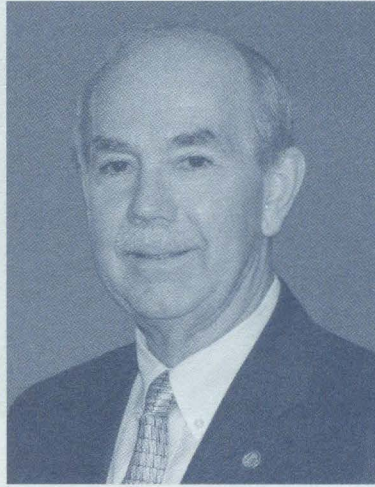
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard V. Hurley".

Richard V. Hurley  
President



## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER STEVEN R. STAPLES



As Virginia's 24th superintendent of public instruction, Steven R. Staples is the executive officer of the Virginia Department of Education, the administrative agency for the commonwealth's public schools. He also serves as secretary of the Board of Education.

Previously, Staples served for two years as the executive director of the Virginia Association of School Superintendents. He also was a faculty member at the College of William and Mary from 2008-2012 and worked in various capacities in four Virginia school divisions. In 1997, he was selected as Virginia Superintendent of the Year.

Staples earned a doctorate in education administration and supervision from Virginia Tech. He earned a master's degree in education administration and supervision and a bachelor's degree in history and English from the College of William and Mary.



# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

*President Richard V. Hurley presiding*

*Friday evening, seven thirty, Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall*



## PROCESSIONAL

*Pomp and Circumstance*.....Edward Elgar

## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The Faculty Marshals for the Candidates for Master's Degrees

The Candidates for Master's Degrees

The Grand Marshal

The Members of the Faculty and Administration

The Eagle Pipe Band

The President of the Alumni Association

The Visitors of the University

The Rector of the University

The Commencement Speaker

The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

The Dean of the College of Business

The Dean of the College of Education

The Provost

The President of the University

NATIONAL ANTHEM..... Lisa Blake Johnson '15

WELCOME .....Jonathan Levin  
Provost

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT..... Provost Levin

REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE RECTOR..... Richard V. Hurley  
President

GREETINGS .....Holly Tace Cuellar '89  
Rector

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER ..... President Hurley

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS..... Steven R. Staples  
Superintendent, Virginia Department of Education

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GRADUATE FACULTY AWARD ..... Provost Levin



## GRADUATION CEREMONY

Presentation of the Candidates for Master's Degrees..... Lynne D. Richardson  
Dean, College of Business  
Mary L. Gendernalik-Cooper  
Dean, College of Education

Conferring of the Degrees ..... President Hurley  
Awarding of the Diplomas

SALUTATION..... Mikhael Charnoff '95  
President, Alumni Association

## ALMA MATER

*High on Marye's Hilltop*..... Jean Crotty '47 and Irene Taylor '47  
Arranged by David J. Long, UMW Composer-in-Residence  
Sung by Isun Malekghassemi '15

## RECESSIONAL

*Triumphal March from Aida* ..... Giuseppe Verdi



*Immediately after the ceremony, all guests are cordially invited to a reception  
honoring the 2015 graduates on Campus Walk across from George Washington Hall front steps.*



# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

as of April 16, 2015



## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Suleiman Abu-Afash .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Michael Acheampong-Boateng.....	Bronx, New York
Austin Adair .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
William Kofi Anane .....	Alexandria, Virginia
Larissa Colette Atkinson .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Robert John Barlow .....	King George, Virginia
Ania Berezyuk.....	Herndon, Virginia
Adrienne Elise Bey.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Beth Anne Boyter .....	Ruston, Louisiana
Todd Alan Dawson .....	Fort Worth, Texas
Sarah Elizabeth Degen.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Louis Ferrarini .....	Chesapeake, Virginia
Jennifer D. Ferrell.....	Colonial Beach, Virginia
Whitney P. Foley .....	Connellsville, Pennsylvania
Daniel Brian Frank.....	Austin, Texas
Katelyn Molly Haggerty.....	Stafford, Virginia
Tameaka L. Hood.....	Colonial Beach, Virginia
Michael Allen Hunnel.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Jimmy K. Jenkins .....	Alexandria, Virginia
Emily Lynn Kavanaugh .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
James Alexander Kirby .....	Fairfax, Virginia
Thomas Layou.....	King George, Virginia
Cheryl Lynn Leite.....	Seldon, New York
Jarno Manzke .....	Spotsylvania, Virginia
Rasha Massabni.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Yvonne M. Matthews .....	Ruther Glen, Virginia
Laura Ann McDonald .....	Kailua, Hawaii
Shannon Lynne McGee.....	Dumfries, Virginia
Ryan J. Miller.....	Hot Springs, Arkansas
Edward H. Milton Jr. ....	Savannah, Georgia
Mary Catherine Nannery .....	Montclair, Virginia
Pejmon Noor.....	Fairfax Station, Virginia
Fernando Martin Pena.....	Ossining, New York



Cara Raila.....	Latham, New York
Adam M. Rollyson.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
James Michael Romano.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Kelly Faye Sims.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Mary-Scott Laine Standish.....	Colonial Beach, Virginia
Megan Leanne Torres.....	Stafford, Virginia
Susan Laura Tubman.....	Milford, Virginia
Dennis Mark Warne.....	Spotsylvania, Virginia
LaNita Sophia Weisenberger.....	King George, Virginia
Anika Nkenge Wilson.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Megan D. Woodard.....	Saint Leonard, Maryland

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE**

Anna D. Francis.....	Bronx, New York
Ferdinand Frimpong.....	Woodbridge, Virginia
Trenezé DeVonne Lacy.....	Virginia Beach, Virginia
Robert Earl Lee.....	Jacksonville, Florida
Rima Massabni.....	Damascus, Syria
Winston Matthew Weaver.....	Harrisonburg, Virginia

## **MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION/ MASTER OF SCIENCE**

Jose Antonio Babiera Duque.....	Manila, Philippines
Nicholas A. Roddy.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Jose Francisco Vazquez.....	Ponce, Puerto Rico

## **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

### **MASTER OF EDUCATION**

Asmaa Abdulrahman.....	Stafford, Virginia
Joan Gardiner Baker.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Jennifer Leigh Batson.....	Manassas, Virginia
Katelyn S. Blashford.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Kathryn Bridget O'Gorman Boccaccio.....	Rumson, New Jersey
Kathleen Elise Busch.....	Reston, Virginia
Brianna Nichelle Chaudhry.....	Pullman, Washington
Rosa Chiarello-Ugarte.....	Ottawa, Canada



Rita Elena Daniel .....	Stafford, Virginia
Arleen Depue Davis.....	Warrenton, Virginia
Robyn Carol Dow .....	Baltimore, Maryland
Melina Kay Downs.....	Locust Grove, Virginia
Kaitlin Rebecca Elder .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Sarah Alexandra Stark .....	Richmond, Virginia
Kimberly Lynn Evans.....	Culpeper, Virginia
Laura Lee Filkoski.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Andrea M. Forcum .....	Spotsylvania, Virginia
Mary Brittany Fox.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Gabrielle Marie Frohock.....	Roanoke, Virginia
Kathryn Elizabeth Frost .....	Woodbridge, Virginia
Caryn M. Fuqua .....	Fairfax, Virginia
Nyssa Mayumi Giangregorio .....	Virginia Beach, Virginia
Christopher Scott Gibson .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Amanda Curtis.....	Sterling, Virginia
Kaitlyn Hasson.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Kathryn Elise Holland .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Linda Kate Ficklin.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Tracie Fowlkes Jackson .....	Chatham, Virginia
Jena Raquel Johnson.....	Spotsylvania, Virginia
Aaron Scott Kalman.....	Herndon, Virginia
Thomas Neil Cooper Kelly .....	Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Whitney Elise Kiper .....	Reston, Virginia
Carrie Elizabeth Kistner-Murphy.....	Stafford, Virginia
Jordan Michelle Kroll.....	Virginia Beach, Virginia
Caitlin Frances Lang .....	Stafford, Virginia
Laurie Leaman.....	Clifton, Virginia
Mary Elizabeth Malok .....	Culpeper, Virginia
Kenneth Ryan Manahan.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Sidney Marie Mangual Cruz.....	Ponce, Puerto Rico
Heather Marshall .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Ashley Ward Martin.....	Mechanicsville, Virginia
Patrick H. McGuire .....	Burke, Virginia
Shawn Michael McKenzie.....	Fremont, Ohio
Hilary Brooke Melville.....	Pendleton, Kentucky
Jennifer L. Midthun.....	Stafford, Virginia
Amy Marie Barger Miller .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Christian Sharrock Miller .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Jason Sean Milton .....	Triangle, Virginia
Kasey Moore .....	Clifton, Virginia



Melissa S. Neiman.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Katie O'Mara .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Stephanie O'Neil .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Samantha Wallace Partonen .....	Burke, Virginia
Kerrie B. Pastell.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Holly Marie Perucci.....	Yorktown Heights, New York
Stephen J. Petros.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Julie Christine Phelps .....	El Paso, Texas
Lauren Elizabeth Puglia.....	Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania
Ivelisse Rivera De Jesús .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Dawn Ashley Robey.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Esra Berceste Robinson .....	Sindelfingen, Germany
Jill Robinson .....	Swampscott, Massachusetts
Pamela Sue Rose.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Danielle Rose Ruffo .....	Culpeper, Virginia
Elizabeth Marie Samuelsen .....	Stafford, Virginia
Elizabeth Ann Schumacher.....	Williamsburg, Virginia
Katherine Jane Shea.....	King George, Virginia
Melissa Nicole Shuler .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Julie Brooke Sims .....	Columbia, South Carolina
Melissa Smetts .....	Orange, Virginia
Cassandra Smith .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Jennifer Irene Smith .....	Burke, Virginia
Angela Song .....	Richmond, Virginia
Elisabeth Bursley Spencer.....	Arlington, Virginia
Jennifer Elizabeth Stocks .....	Herndon, Virginia
Margot Juliette Byer Storch .....	Springfield, Virginia
Jordan Ruth Swank.....	Manassas, Virginia
Christi Lynn Tims.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Megan F. Vanderherchen .....	Richmond, Virginia
Christopher Steven Webb .....	Reston, Virginia
Jessica Thorne West .....	Richmond, Virginia
Kelsey Lee Elizabeth Wheaton .....	Haymarket, Virginia
Kimberly Wilkens.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Ellyn Lenore Willis.....	Haymarket, Virginia
Stephanie Cichoski Withers .....	Los Angeles, California
Wendy Anne Wright .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Luke S. Wrye.....	State College, Pennsylvania



## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Caroline Hope Bender.....	Norfolk, Virginia
Amanda P. Bletsh .....	Mechanicsville, Virginia
Amanda M. Bowers .....	Stafford, Virginia
Kelsey Walden Carter.....	Richmond, Virginia
Catherine Anne Chase .....	Alexandria, Virginia
Allison Carol Cline.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Gemma Louise Cohen.....	Charlottesville, Virginia
Brianna M. D'Agata .....	Hanover, Pennsylvania
Emily Anne Davis.....	Alexandria, Virginia
Lina Magdalena Ewell.....	Arlington, Virginia
Gillian Finney.....	Springfield, Virginia
Julia Lauren Gattuso.....	Warrenton, Virginia
Kathryn Rose Gigantiello .....	Shamong, New Jersey
Kelly Gray Glazebrook.....	Round Hill, Virginia
Kelly Ann Griffith .....	Sterling, Virginia
Kathryn Anne Ivey .....	South Riding, Virginia
Kathryn Grace Lohr .....	Fairfax, Virginia
Madalene Orvis McAllister.....	Falls Church, Virginia
Tara McCrone.....	Herndon, Virginia
Erica Christine McPhee .....	Virginia Beach, Virginia
Jenny Megan Miller.....	Springfield, Virginia
Collin Eugene Overacker.....	Roanoke, Virginia
Gaelyn Michaela Quirey .....	Richmond, Virginia
Kristen Elizabeth Schuetz.....	Cincinnati, Ohio
Kimberly Louise Slater.....	Spokane, Washington
Kay Marguerite Thomas .....	Culpeper, Virginia
Elizabeth Walker.....	Great Falls, Virginia



## KAPPA DELTA PI



An international honor society in education, Kappa Delta Pi elects to membership those who exhibit outstanding scholarship and a commitment to the teaching profession and to excellence in education. The University of Mary Washington chapter, Nu Xi, was chartered in 1975. These members may choose to wear purple and green honor cords.

Caryn M. Fuqua  
Nyssa Mayumi Giangregorio  
Kelly Gray Glazebrook  
Kelly Ann Griffith  
Kathryn Elise Holland  
Kathryn Grace Lohr

Jenny Megan Miller  
Kasey Moore  
Samantha Wallace Partonen  
Holly Marie Perucci  
Kimberly Louise Slater  
Margot Juliette Byer Storch

## SIGMA BETA DELTA



An international honor society, Sigma Beta Delta recognizes superior records of graduate and undergraduate students in regionally accredited business programs. The University of Mary Washington Sigma Beta Delta Chapter was chartered in 1997.

Suleiman Abu-Afash  
Beth Anne Boyter  
Daniel Brian Frank

Jarno Manzke  
Yvonne M. Matthews  
Jose Francisco Vazquez

## GRADUATE EXCELLENCE AWARDS



### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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#### **Outstanding Student in Master of Business Administration**

Daniel Brian Frank

#### **Outstanding Student in Master of Science in Management Information Systems**

Jose Antonio Babiera Duque

#### **Outstanding Student in Master of Business Administration/Master of Science in Management Information Systems**

Jose Francisco Vazquez

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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#### **Barbara Bishop Mann '66 Virginia Educator Award**

Julia Lauren Gattuso

#### **Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Virginia Scholars Award: Initial Licensure Award**

Holly Marie Perucci



# ACADEMIC CUSTOMS AND DRESS



The origins of many customs of the academic world can be traced to the Middle Ages, particularly the 11th and 12th centuries, when the first European universities – Bologna, Paris, and Oxford – were founded.

In their original organization, the universities were like medieval corporations or guilds. In fact, the word “universitas” originally referred to any kind of corporation. The students at the universities were equated to guild apprentices, so the completion of the apprenticeship was celebrated by a “commencement” marking the beginning of their careers.

In the 12th century, everyone wore gowns. The social and economic status of an individual was shown by the extra features, such as fur trimming, on the gowns. Cloaks with hoods were worn over gowns for protection in bad weather. Degrees began to be awarded in the 13th century, and different styles of gowns and different colors came to represent the various degrees and disciplines.

Over the centuries the styles of dress changed, and by the 17th century the wearing of gowns by men had virtually ceased. But the universities, particularly those in Britain, continued to be conservative and strict in the manner of academic customs and dress. At Oxford, for instance, a candidate for a master’s degree had to swear that he owned a gown and would always wear it at the proper times.

The first American universities were founded on English models. However, the wearing of academic dress was not universal and ceased during the Civil War. The custom was revived in the late 19th century, and in 1895 an academic custom code was adopted that, with modifications, is still used.

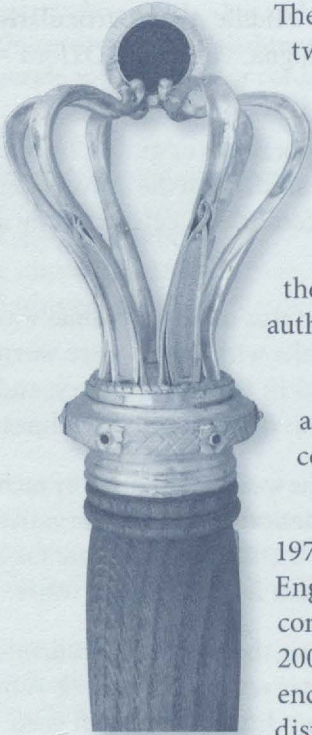
Most American universities have the standard black gown with the hood serving to distinguish the individual institution. Some American and European universities have adopted or preserved more distinctive gowns. There are three styles of gowns, distinguished mainly by the sleeves: the bachelor’s gown, with long pointed sleeves; the master’s, with a squared sleeve, cut so the forearm is free; and the doctoral gown, with bell-shaped sleeves with three velvet bands.

The hood is the most distinguishing feature of modern gowns, indicating the degree (the width of the edging band), the discipline (the color of the band), and the college or university (the colors of the lining). Today’s graduates have hoods edged in drab (MBA) or light blue (M.Ed., M.S.). Many faculty members will have blue edging indicating the doctoral degree. The faculty will be wearing hoods representing many distinguished institutions of higher education, such as maroon for University of Chicago, scarlet for Rutgers University, crimson and gray for the University of Alabama, and green and gold for Wayne State University.





## THE ACADEMIC MACE



The tradition of the academic mace began in the late 14th century, when two ancient instruments, the royal scepter and the battle mace, were combined to form a symbol of the authority of the president or rector of a university. Noblemen carried the battle mace as both a weapon and staff of command, and the sovereign used the regal scepter as a sign of rulership, justice, and authority.

Together with the chain of office, the academic mace indicates that the president of the university is the temporary embodiment of the power, authority, autonomy, and sovereignty vested in the institution represented.

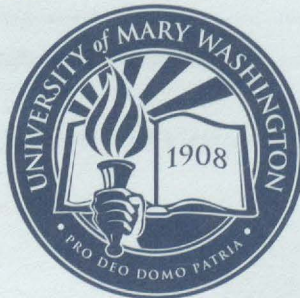
At the University of Mary Washington, the grand marshal carries the academic mace on behalf of the president at academic events such as commencement exercises, inaugurations, and convocations.

The original University of Mary Washington mace, first used for the May 1970 Commencement, was designed by Asprey and Company of London, England. The sterling mace carried in today's commencement ceremony was commissioned as a special project of the University Centennial Celebration in 2008. It was designed by Suzannah Wagner Merritt of Ashland, Va. The mace encompasses numerous symbols of the University, including lapis stones to display the school color; blossoms of dogwood to honor the Virginia state tree; acorns and oak leaves to recall the historic tree at Brompton, home of the UMW president; and a herringbone motif representing Campus Walk. The six prongs are engraved with the six names of the school prior to its becoming a university in 2004; the prongs are adorned with a lapis disc engraved with the University seal. The handle is emblematic of the original Mary Washington mace.

## THE UNIVERSITY SEAL



In addition to a book and lamp, signifying knowledge, the University seal denotes the year the institution was founded, 1908, and the University motto, *Pro Deo Domo Patria*, translated from Latin to "For God, home, and country."





## PRESIDENTIAL COLLAR



Chains of office, also known as collars, originated in the Middle Ages and are worn today by presidents on ceremonial occasions as part of their regalia. The University of Mary Washington chain is a unique design crafted from gold-plated sterling silver with lapis lazuli gem accents. Symbols important to the history of the University are incorporated in every element of the chain. A large medallion depicting the school seal is flanked by white oak leaves modeled after the stately oak tree at Brompton, home of the president. The names of the previous presidents of this institution alternate with its six historical names on links that are connected with blossoms of dogwood, the Virginia state tree. The chain was unveiled during the University of Mary Washington Commencement in 2006, and, by tradition, is presented to each new president to wear during ceremonial occasions.

## THE EAGLE PIPE BAND



As has become tradition, the Eagle Pipe Band will perform at this evening's commencement ceremony.

The band was formed in 1997 with a small number of Mary Washington students and members of the Fredericksburg community. It has grown steadily each year, adding pipers, drummers, and dancers. The band has been a top contender in pipe band competitions across the East Coast.

The Eagle Pipe Band was founded by Raymond B. Scott, University of Mary Washington professor of chemistry, and is under his direction. The tartan worn by the musicians was designed for the University to match the school colors and is registered in Scotland's official registry of tartans.











## *Alma Mater*

All hail, dear Alma Mater,  
We sing our praise to you.  
High on Mary's Hilltop  
You stand forever true;  
Born in truth and honor  
You ever more shall be.  
The model of our future years  
And all eternity.

Whene'er we have to leave you  
We never will forget,  
The lessons you have taught us,  
And all the friends we've met;  
And we your sons and daughters  
Will hold your name on high,  
So here's to Mary Washington;  
Our love will never die.

– Irene Taylor '47  
– Jean Crotty '47



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